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SUBJECT: JAPANESE HALIBUT PRODUCTION

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1. REGFISHATT HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION
REQUESTED REFTEL:

(1) DO JAPANESE COMPANIES KEEP SEPARATE RECORDS OF HALIBUT FROM
BERING SEA AND WESTERN PACIFIC? CATCH RECORDS ARE KEPT SEPARATE BY
INDIVIDUAL VESSELS AND SUMMARIZED BY THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS. SOME
JAPANESE COMPANIES (I. E. NIPPON SUISAN) KEEP SEPARATE PROCESSING
RECORDS FROM CATCH TO SALE FOR EACH FLEET OR INDEPENDENT TRAWLER.
COMPANIES, HOWEVER, CONSIDER SUCH RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL AND HAVE
REFUSED TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE.

(2) JAPANESE EXPORTS OF HALIBUT TO EUROPE? FOLLOWING AVAILABLE :
EXPORTS OF HALIBUT (DRESSED, STEAK OR FILLET), 1972

COUNTRY	AMOUNT (SHORT TON)
UNITED STATES	7,200
CANADA	865
GREAT BRITAIN	1,050
OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES	200
OTHER COUNTRIES	25
TOTAL	9,340

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ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, IN PREVIOUS SEVERAL YEARS TOTAL EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 4,000 SHORT TONS.

(3) SIZE AND AMOUNT OF FILLETS BY EACH SIZE? THERE ARE FOUR SIZE CATEGORIES: 8-16 OUNCES, 16-36 OUNCES, 3-5 POUNDS, AND 5-10 POUNDS. COMPANIES, HOWEVER, REFUSE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION AMOUNT PROCESSED IN EACH SIZE CATEGORY.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTTEL CONSIDERED BY COMPANIES TO BE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, NOR THROUGH THE FISHERY AGENCY. REGFISHATT WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE SOURCES.
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